

Demographic Data Collection

INTRODUCTION

Chapter III presents the baseline demographic data compiled by the LSC Team. These data relate to the demographic, economic, and transportation characteristics of Montana. Much of the data have been summarized in a series of maps and tables, which are presented within the chapter. The following is a description of the data, which have been compiled and are available for use during the analysis tasks of this study.

1990 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Census data include population by census tract throughout the state. The data are available on CD-ROM from the Bureau of the Census. Population data have been compiled by age group, race, and mobility impairments. Household data have also been compiled. This information includes the income levels and vehicle ownership. Table III-1 includes the population by age group and the number of households by county.

Population density is highest, not surprisingly, in the western half of the state. Figure III-1 presents the population density by county. Silver Bow County and Yellowstone County have the highest population density with over 40 persons per square mile. However, when the population density is calculated for individual census tracts, the highest densities are concentrated in the urbanized areas of the state, such as Billings, Missoula, Butte, and Great Falls. Figure III-2 illustrates the population density by census tract for the State of Montana.



Minority populations are often considered in the need for transit services. There are several areas of the state, which have higher percentages of minority populations. This is also a factor that must be considered in the area of environmental justice. Table

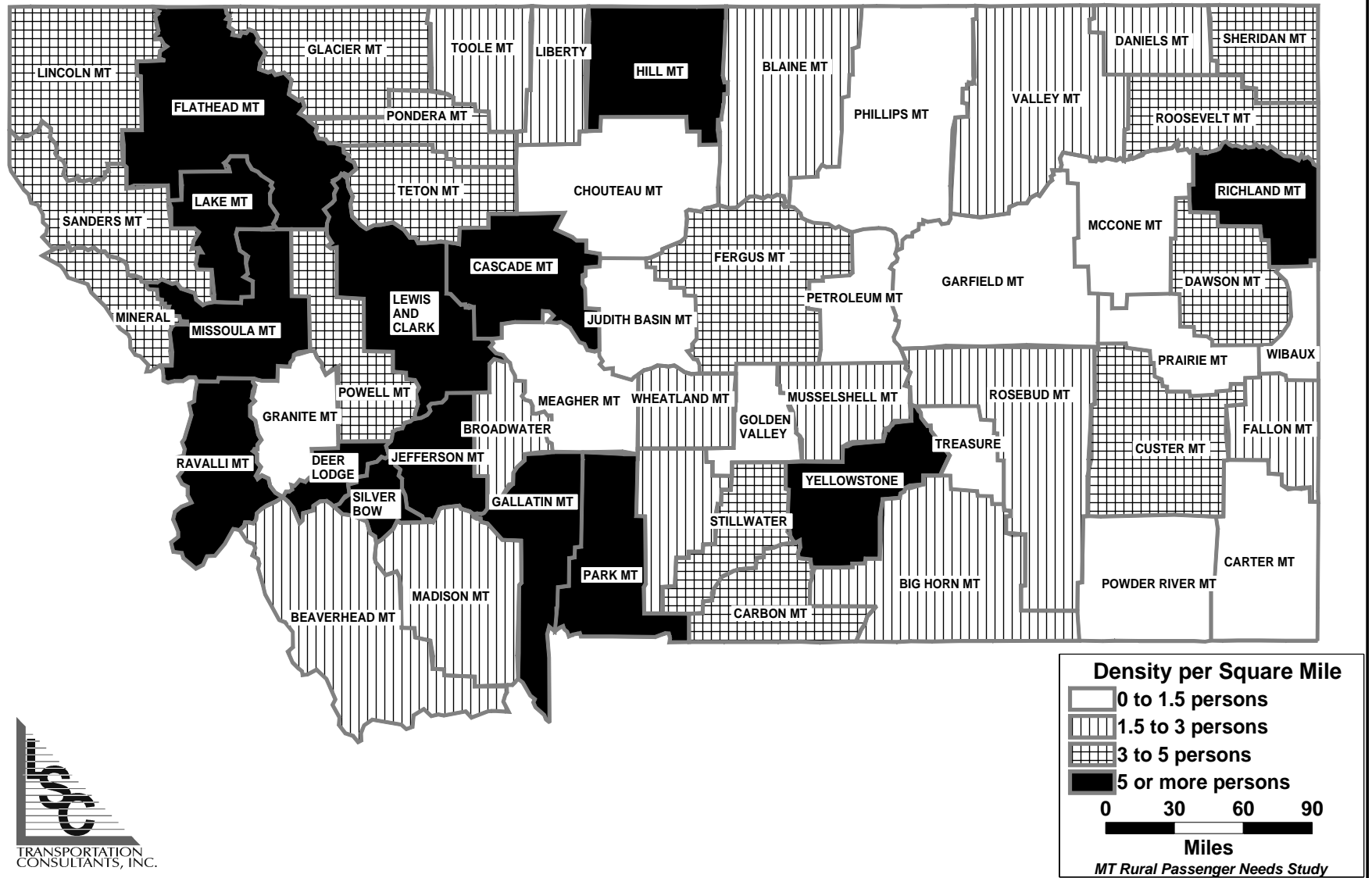
III-2 and Figure III-3 present race by county for the State of Montana.



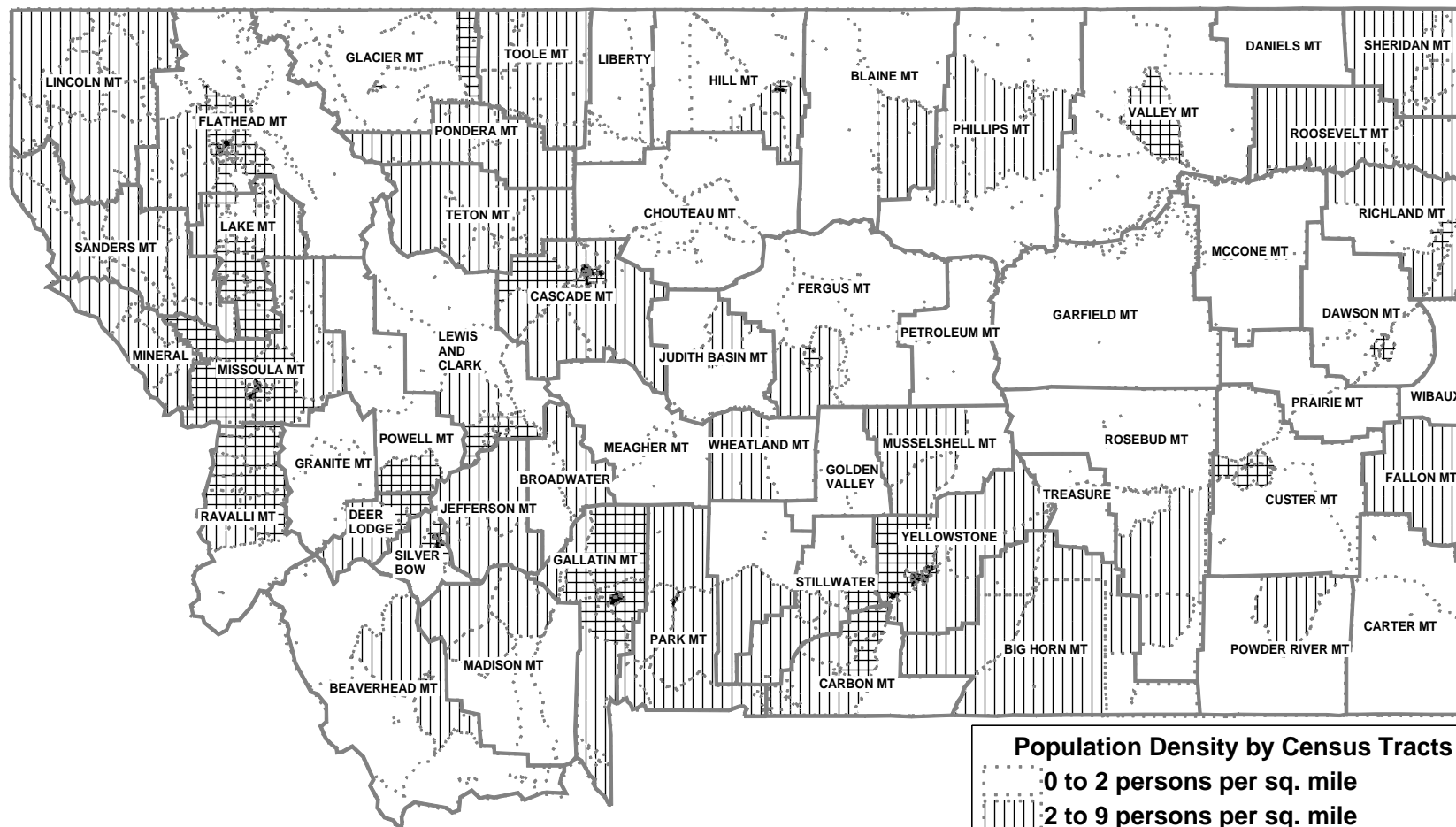
<p style="text-align: center;">Table III-1 1990 Population by Age Group Montana Rural Passenger Needs Study</p>

County	Population	Rank by Population	Families	Households	Age 5 & Under	Age 6-15	Age 16-21	Age 22-64	Age 65+
Beaverhead	8,424	23	2,153	3,166	740	1,429	800	4,368	1,087
Big Horn	11,337	16	2,690	3,395	1,499	2,238	984	5,654	962
Blaine	6,728	27	1,709	2,385	761	1,254	511	3,313	889
Broadwater	3,318	38	948	1,309	269	586	192	1,728	543
Carbon	8,080	25	2,334	3,309	562	1,351	453	4,042	1,672
Carter	1,503	51	409	587	135	209	88	789	282
Cascade	77,691	3	21,289	30,206	7,549	12,024	5,844	42,425	9,849
Chouteau	5,452	33	1,563	2,096	477	882	338	2,807	948
Custer	11,697	15	3,100	4,599	898	1,935	981	5,895	1,988
Daniels	2,266	46	634	922	130	368	125	1,141	502
Dawson	9,505	21	2,666	3,719	800	1,514	804	4,954	1,433
Deer Lodge	10,278	20	2,670	4,068	728	1,262	960	5,292	2,036
Fallon	3,103	41	873	1,170	317	521	187	1,616	462
Fergus	12,083	14	3,256	4,634	1,015	1,912	667	6,083	2,406
Flathead	59,218	4	16,398	22,856	5,111	9,992	4,003	32,445	7,667
Gallatin	50,463	5	12,469	19,107	4,216	6,890	6,798	28,074	4,485
Garfield	1,589	50	441	581	127	304	94	797	267
Glacier	12,121	13	2,859	3,786	1,629	2,507	867	5,958	1,160
Golden Valley	912	54	224	319	74	149	49	474	166
Granite	2,548	42	716	1,053	226	367	173	1,312	470
Hill	17,654	10	4,517	6,411	1,744	3,076	1,541	9,173	2,120
Jefferson	7,939	26	2,139	2,833	653	1,441	539	4,473	833
Judith Basin	2,282	44	666	917	174	338	142	1,222	406
Lake	21,041	9	5,766	7,891	1,975	3,714	1,603	10,450	3,299
Lewis and Clark	47,495	6	12,789	18,748	4,306	7,559	3,799	26,327	5,504
Liberty	2,295	43	579	801	240	421	122	1,155	357
Lincoln	17,481	11	4,926	6,735	1,500	3,091	1,307	9,459	2,124
Madison	5,989	32	1,640	2,367	422	931	390	3,238	1,008
McCone	2,276	45	659	855	185	391	168	1,157	375
Meagher	1,819	49	478	712	152	258	150	944	315
Mineral	3,315	39	881	1,311	245	621	182	1,820	447
Missoula	78,687	2	20,281	31,018	7,081	11,231	8,016	44,261	8,098
Musselshell	4,106	37	1,126	1,668	253	629	310	2,093	821
Park	14,562	12	3,802	5,616	1,312	2,081	818	8,058	2,293
Petroleum	519	56	161	212	53	71	39	285	71
Phillips	5,163	34	1,377	1,943	442	958	347	2,619	797
Pondera	6,433	30	1,571	2,156	609	1,192	395	3,179	1,058
Powder River	2,090	48	585	807	188	317	159	1,098	328
Powell	6,620	28	1,536	2,245	433	887	510	3,860	930
Prairie	1,383	52	410	565	80	196	97	660	350
Ravalli	25,010	8	6,932	9,608	2,011	4,057	1,787	13,005	4,150
Richland	10,716	18	2,954	4,009	1,006	2,020	749	5,512	1,429
Roosevelt	10,999	17	2,758	3,673	1,417	2,096	819	5,462	1,205
Rosebud	10,505	19	2,629	3,476	1,179	2,275	817	5,513	721
Sanders	8,669	22	2,398	3,425	754	1,446	614	4,456	1,399
Sheridan	4,732	36	1,353	1,894	332	758	237	2,382	1,023
Silver Bow	33,941	7	9,072	13,825	2,866	4,621	2,844	17,831	5,779
Stillwater	6,536	29	1,920	2,579	562	1,067	412	3,405	1,090
Sweet Grass	3,154	40	867	1,278	272	463	178	1,574	667
Teton	6,271	31	1,683	2,349	568	1,074	407	3,104	1,118
Toole	5,046	35	1,304	1,905	425	899	319	2,584	819
Treasure	874	55	260	344	65	149	63	460	137
Valley	8,239	24	2,296	3,259	661	1,310	566	4,326	1,376
Wheatland	2,246	47	565	857	177	366	152	1,089	462
Wibaux	1,191	53	324	470	80	209	70	595	237
Yellowstone	113,419	1	31,007	44,877	10,117	17,578	9,145	62,580	13,999
Yellowstone Park	52	57	13	13	-	13	13	26	-
Totals	799,065	213,625		306,919	71,802	127,498	64,744	428,602	106,419
1990 STF3 Census Files.									





Figure III-1
Population Density by County



**Figure III-2
Population Density by Census Tract**



Population Density by Census Tracts

-  0 to 2 persons per sq. mile
-  2 to 9 persons per sq. mile
-  9 to 730 persons per sq. mile
-  730 or more persons per sq. mile

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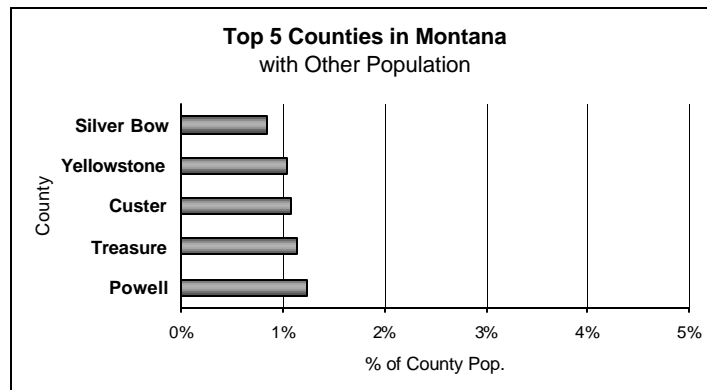
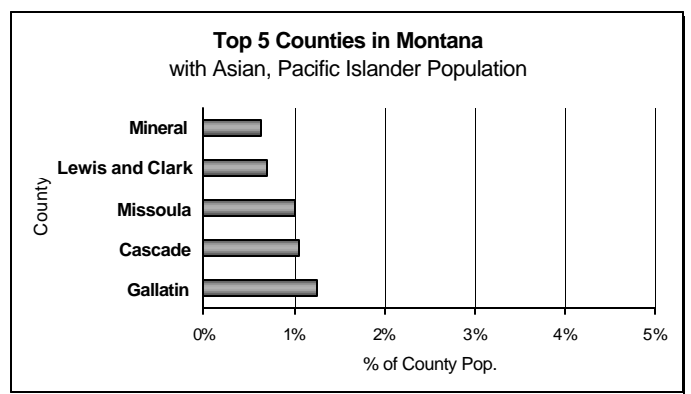
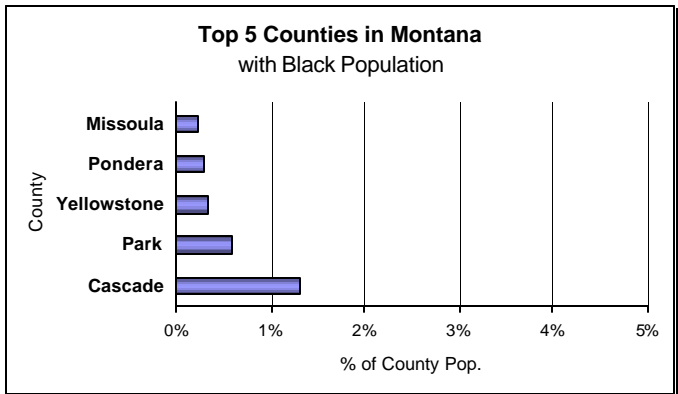
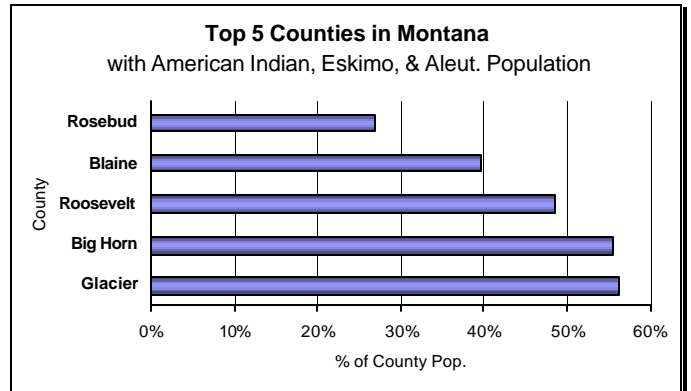
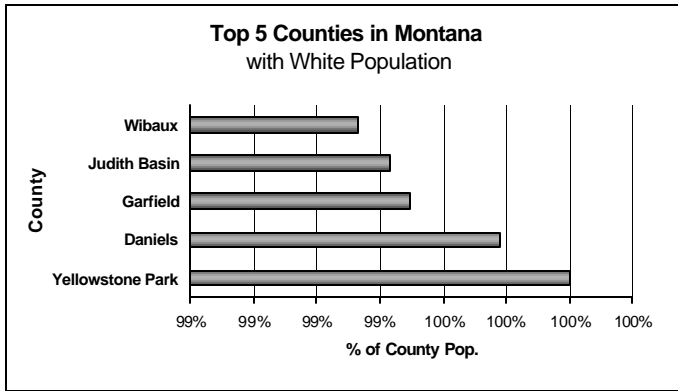
**Table III-2
1990 Race by County**

County	Total Population	Percent of County Population				
		White	Black	American Indian Eskimo/Aleut.	Asian Pacific Islander	Other Nationalities
Beaverhead	8,424	98.3%	0.2%	0.9%	0.3%	0.2%
Big Horn	11,337	43.6%	0.1%	55.7%	0.2%	0.5%
Blaine	6,728	60.0%	0.0%	39.7%	0.1%	0.1%
Broadwater	3,318	98.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%
Carbon	8,080	99.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%
Carter	1,503	99.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%
Cascade	77,691	93.0%	1.3%	4.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Chouteau	5,452	95.7%	0.0%	3.8%	0.4%	0.1%
Custer	11,697	97.6%	0.1%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%
Daniels	2,266	99.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Dawson	9,505	98.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Deer Lodge	10,278	96.6%	0.2%	2.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Fallon	3,103	99.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%
Fergus	12,083	98.5%	0.0%	1.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Flathead	59,218	97.6%	0.1%	1.5%	0.5%	0.3%
Gallatin	50,463	97.1%	0.2%	1.2%	1.3%	0.3%
Garfield	1,589	99.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Glacier	12,121	43.5%	0.0%	56.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Golden Valley	912	98.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Granite	2,548	99.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%
Hill	17,654	83.7%	0.0%	15.5%	0.2%	0.6%
Jefferson	7,939	97.5%	0.0%	2.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Judith Basin	2,282	99.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
Lake	21,041	78.3%	0.0%	21.4%	0.1%	0.2%
Lewis and Clark	47,495	96.7%	0.1%	2.2%	0.7%	0.3%
Liberty	2,295	99.2%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln	17,481	97.4%	0.0%	2.0%	0.4%	0.2%
McCone	2,276	98.7%	0.1%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Madison	5,989	99.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.1%	0.1%
Meagher	1,819	98.4%	0.0%	1.1%	0.1%	0.4%
Mineral	3,315	97.2%	0.1%	2.1%	0.6%	0.0%
Missoula	78,687	96.2%	0.2%	2.3%	1.0%	0.3%
Musselshell	4,106	98.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Park	14,562	97.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%
Petroleum	519	98.8%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Phillips	5,163	92.3%	0.1%	7.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Pondera	6,433	88.3%	0.3%	10.9%	0.5%	0.0%
Powder River	2,090	97.6%	0.0%	1.8%	0.1%	0.5%
Powell	6,620	94.2%	0.0%	4.3%	0.2%	1.2%
Prairie	1,383	98.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.1%	0.4%
Ravalli	25,010	98.2%	0.1%	1.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Richland	10,716	97.9%	0.1%	1.3%	0.1%	0.7%
Roosevelt	10,999	51.0%	0.1%	48.6%	0.2%	0.1%
Rosebud	10,505	72.1%	0.1%	26.8%	0.4%	0.6%
Sanders	8,669	93.4%	0.1%	5.9%	0.3%	0.3%
Sheridan	4,732	98.5%	0.0%	1.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Silver Bow	33,941	97.4%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.8%
Stillwater	6,536	97.2%	0.2%	1.9%	0.4%	0.4%
Sweet Grass	3,154	99.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%
Teton	6,271	98.5%	0.0%	1.3%	0.2%	0.0%
Toole	5,046	98.3%	0.1%	1.4%	0.1%	0.0%
Treasure	874	97.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.1%
Valley	8,239	90.3%	0.0%	9.3%	0.3%	0.1%
Wheatland	2,246	98.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.3%	0.6%
Wibaux	1,191	99.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
Yellowstone	113,419	95.3%	0.3%	2.9%	0.4%	1.0%
Yellowstone Park	52	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Totals	799,065	92.8%	0.3%	6.0%	0.5%	0.5%

Source: 1990 STF3 Census Files

*The categories of race include both racial and national origin or socio-cultural groups.

Figure III-3



The elderly population is dispersed across the state. Figure III-4, on the following page, presents the elderly population by census tract. The highest numbers of elderly are in various areas—Kalispell, northwest Teton County, Shelby, Bozeman, northeast Yellowstone County, Miles City, Glasgow, southern Phillips County, western Sanders County, and Hamilton. A number of rural counties have high elderly populations. The elderly population segment often has a need for transit services and is a factor in the needs estimation. Areas that contain a high concentration of persons age 60 and over are widely dispersed across the state.

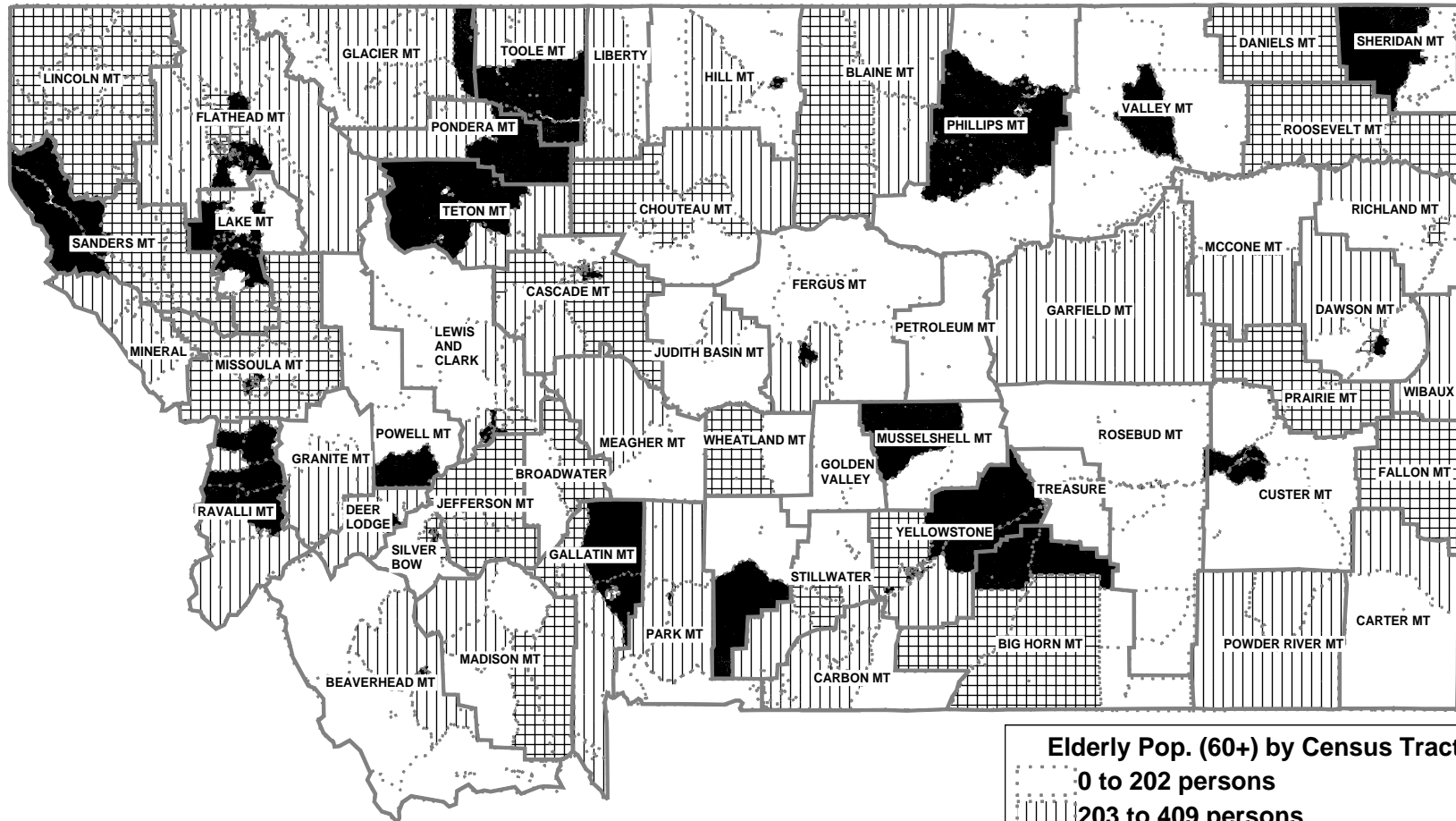
The population segment with mobility impairments is frequently dependent on transit services. Figure III-5 illustrates the mobility-impaired population by census tract. This segment of the population is considered in the majority of transit needs methodologies and the demand for paratransit services provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Some rural counties have higher percentages of individuals with mobility impairments than the state as a whole. The area north of Missoula County to the state line has a concentrated number of mobility-impaired persons. Other smaller areas make a patchwork across the state.

Another factor, which is closely related to the need for transit services, is the density and number of zero-vehicle households. Figure III-6 presents zero-vehicle households by census tracts. As a percentage of total households, it can be seen that some of the rural counties—Flathead County, Roosevelt County, as well as the urbanized areas, have a higher percentage of zero-vehicle households. These households are more dependent on transit services and have a much higher use of transit service than those households with vehicles.



Figure III-4

Elderly Population by Census Tract



Elderly Pop. (60+) by Census Tract

0 to 202 persons

203 to 409 persons

410 to 699 persons

700 or more persons

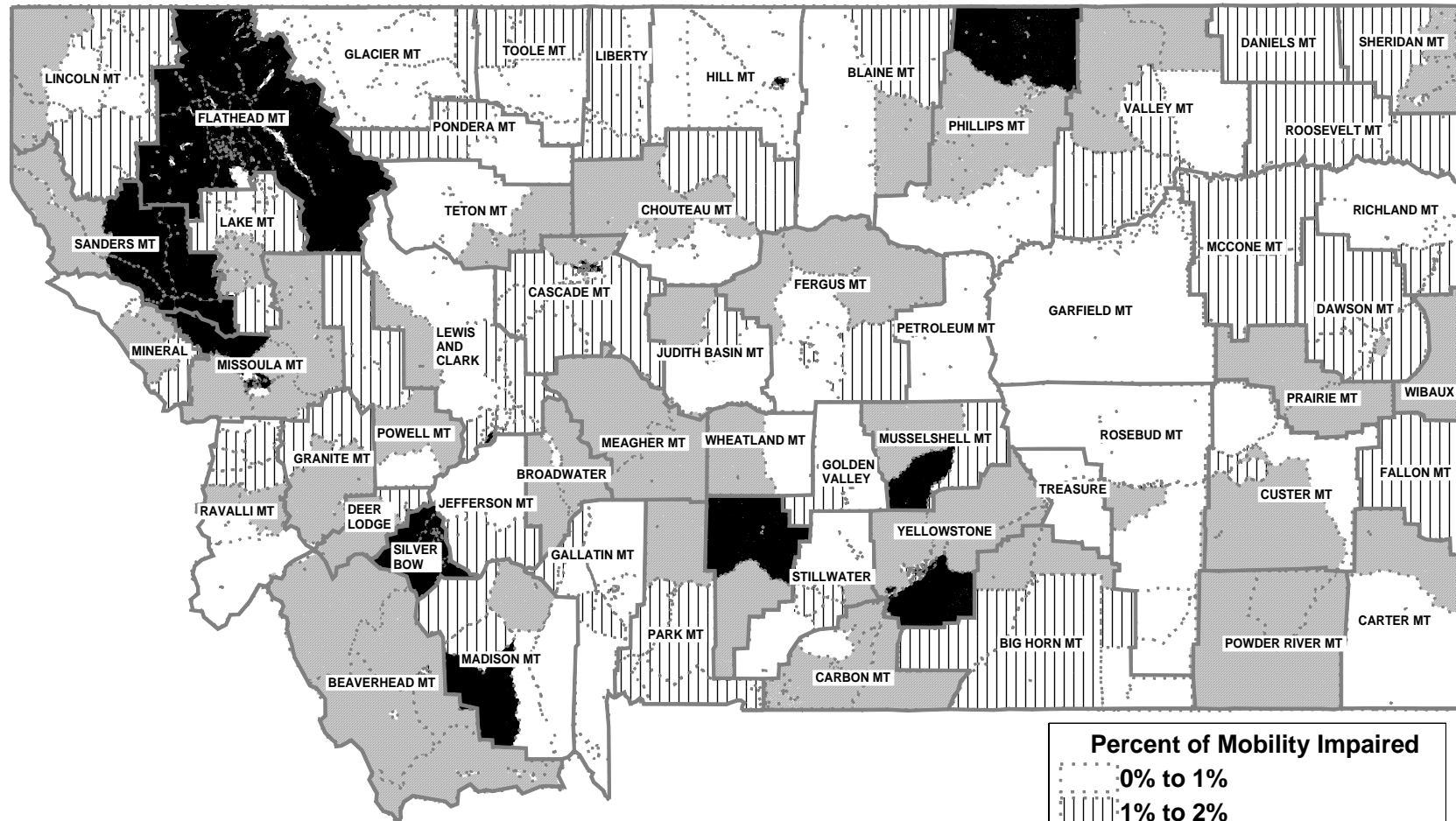
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Figure III-5

Mobility Impaired Population by Census Tract



Percent of Mobility Impaired

0% to 1%

1% to 2%

2% to 3%

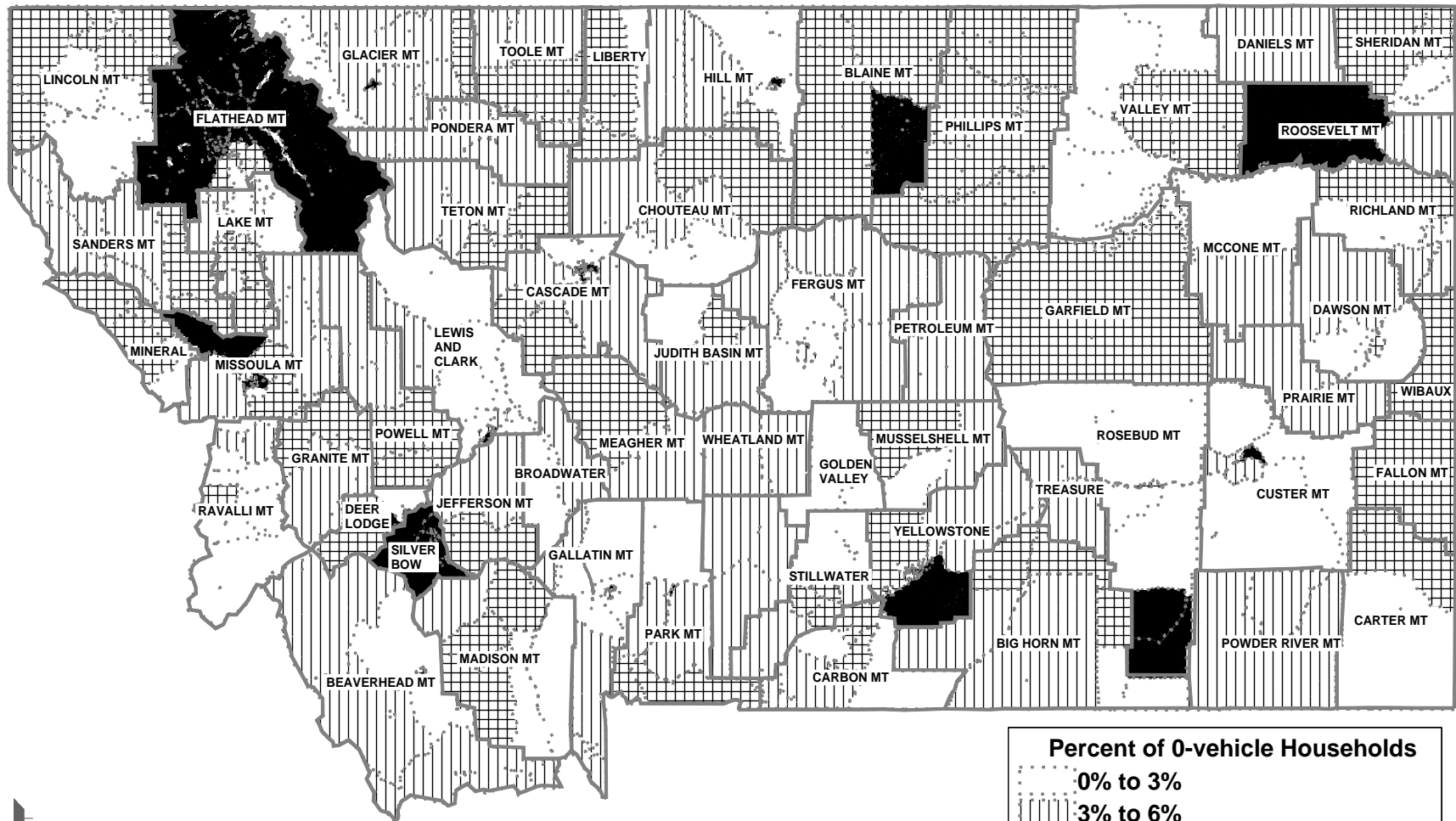
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Figure III-6
Zero Vehicle Households by Census Tract



Percent of 0-vehicle Households

0% to 3%

3% to 6%

6% to 13%

13% or More

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Household and per capita income are often related to the need for public transportation services. Figure III-7 presents the per capita income by county. The 1990 census data show the highest incomes dispersed throughout the state. The counties with the highest per capita income are Jefferson, Powder River, Judith Basin, Gallatin, and Cascade Counties, each with over \$20,000 per capita income. The counties with the lowest per capita income of less than \$10,000 include Big Horn, Roosevelt, and Glacier Counties.

Figure III-8 illustrates the households with public assistance income by county. The greatest concentration of households with public assistance income occurs in the counties with the urban areas—Yellowstone, Silver Bow, Cascade, and Missoula Counties. The rest of the state has a lower distribution of assisted households.

1990 CENSUS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PACKAGE

The 1990 Census Transportation Planning Package contains journey-to-work data. Graphs and tables have been prepared summarizing the travel mode and commute time by county. Table III-3 presents the mode of travel to work by county. Statewide, there is little (one percent) or no commuting by bus as a percentage of the work trips. Driving alone is the most popular (77 percent) means of getting to work. However, carpooling for commute trips is a significant portion (13 percent) of work trips throughout the state with many of the rural communities having higher portions than other areas of the state. Eight percent of the Montana population walks to work. Figures III-9 and III-10 graphically present the work trip mode information.

Travel time to work is distributed evenly throughout much of the state. Statewide, the highest percentage (47 percent) of people has a 5-to-14 minute commute to work. Thirty percent of the population has a 15-to-30 minute commute. Three percent of the Montana population works at home. Table III-4 presents the travel time to work by county. Figure III-11 graphically illustrates the top five county travel-to-work times.



Figure III-7

Per Capita Income by County

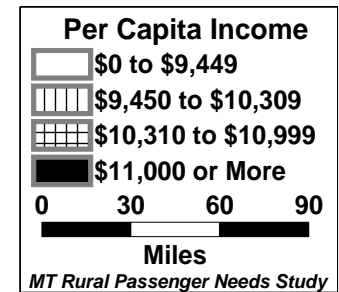
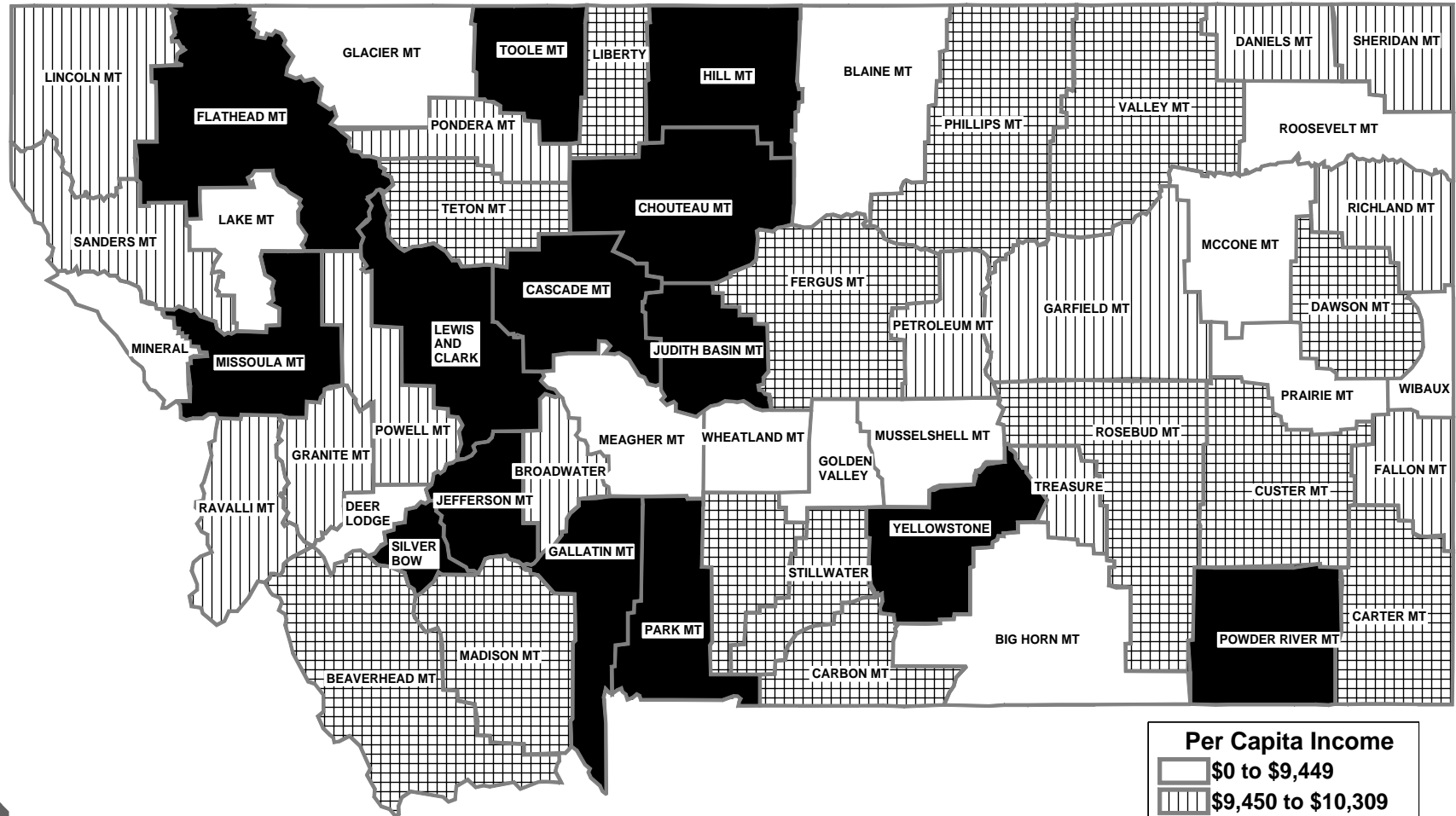
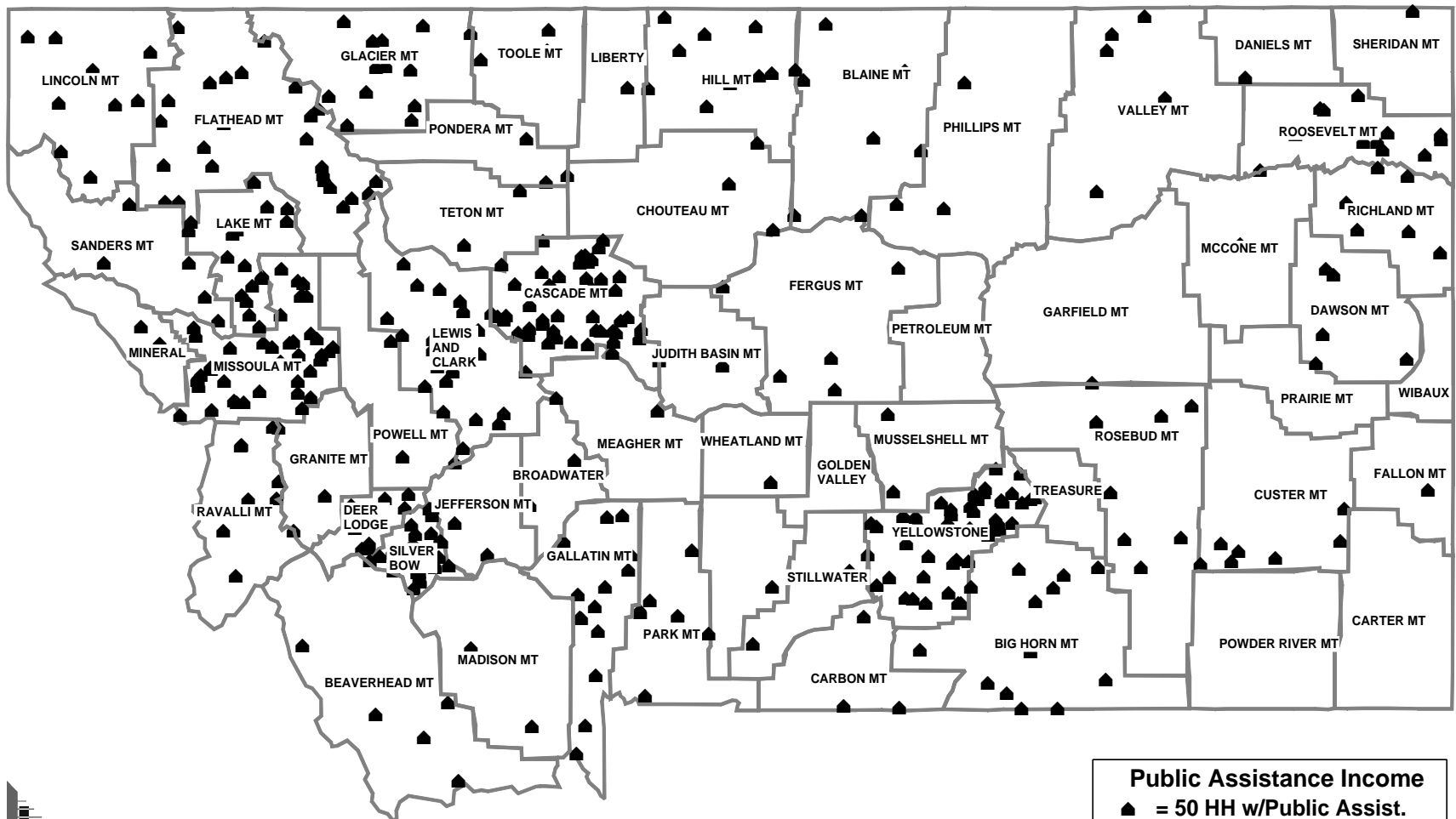


Figure III-8

Households with Public Assistance Income by County



Public Assistance Income

▲ = 50 HH w/Public Assist.

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**Table III-3
Mode of Travel to Work**

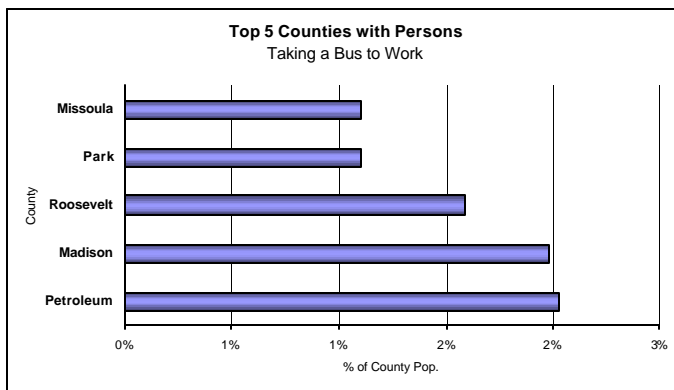
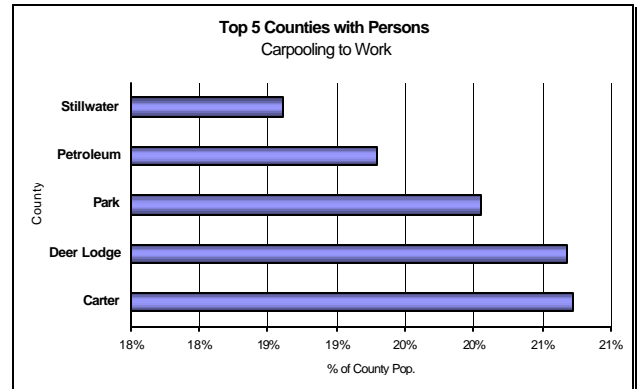
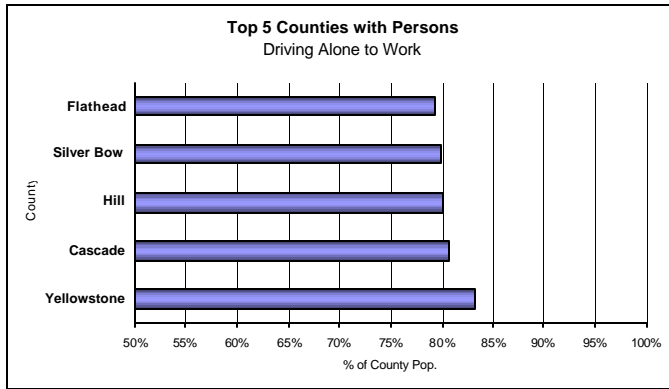
County	Pop.	Rank by Pop.	Drove Alone	Carpool	Bus	Streetcar or Subway	Railroad	Taxi	Motorcycle	Bicycle	Walk	Other Means
Beaverhead	8,424	23	2,222	357	7	-	-	-	11	37	657	46
Big Horn	11,337	16	2,250	510	10	-	-	-	-	8	327	62
Blaine	6,728	27	1,719	402	1	-	-	-	21	10	342	51
Broadwater	3,318	38	925	210	-	-	-	-	10	12	115	14
Carbon	8,080	25	2,093	400	9	-	-	-	10	20	356	22
Carter	1,503	51	285	108	-	-	-	-	6	-	106	16
Cascade	77,691	3	27,362	3,869	255	6	8	34	73	210	1,885	182
Chouteau	5,452	33	1,306	255	-	-	-	-	-	28	433	13
Custer	11,697	15	3,693	621	44	-	-	5	9	15	557	56
Daniels	2,266	46	584	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	159	25
Dawson	9,505	21	3,206	546	8	8	-	18	10	17	264	6
Deer Lodge	10,278	20	2,303	700	15	-	-	-	7	8	300	53
Fallon	3,103	41	815	148	-	-	-	-	5	5	95	16
Fergus	12,083	14	3,315	708	-	-	-	-	25	23	504	24
Flathead	59,218	4	18,732	3,146	31	-	-	-	37	170	1,360	139
Gallatin	50,463	5	16,516	3,046	81	6	-	12	53	559	2,514	177
Garfield	1,589	50	409	71	-	-	-	-	2	5	104	6
Glacier	12,121	13	2,587	616	22	-	-	-	-	14	444	47
Golden Valley	912	54	196	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	5
Granite	2,548	42	589	97	3	-	-	-	7	3	138	2
Hill	17,654	10	5,684	764	12	-	11	-	53	17	528	32
Jefferson	7,939	26	2,682	548	22	-	-	-	4	24	189	36
Judith Basin	2,282	44	602	119	3	-	-	-	3	2	195	15
Lake	21,041	9	5,379	1,205	8	-	1	-	9	77	610	63
Lewis and Clark	47,495	6	16,791	3,226	52	-	-	20	28	216	1,725	51
Liberty	2,295	43	404	53	3	-	-	-	7	17	191	2
Lincoln	17,481	11	4,660	740	65	-	-	-	-	76	373	113
Madison	5,989	32	1,552	249	45	4	-	-	14	8	358	34
McCone	2,276	45	532	137	3	-	-	-	2	3	110	8
Meagher	1,819	49	449	93	-	-	-	-	-	3	145	12
Mineral	3,315	39	956	171	-	-	-	-	-	4	113	10
Missoula	78,687	2	27,522	3,743	385	-	-	6	104	958	2,049	256
Musselshell	4,106	37	1,007	199	3	-	-	-	-	4	222	14
Park	14,562	12	3,857	1,166	64	-	-	-	12	33	614	68
Petroleum	519	56	94	38	4	-	-	-	-	5	52	4
Phillips	5,163	34	1,380	305	4	-	-	-	14	18	317	15
Pondera	6,433	30	1,569	235	10	-	-	-	9	23	375	18
Powder River	2,090	48	565	117	-	-	-	-	3	2	57	20
Powell	6,620	28	1,612	315	-	-	-	-	25	19	258	8
Prairie	1,383	52	299	50	-	-	-	-	-	9	87	-
Ravalli	25,010	8	6,722	1,317	-	-	-	-	19	121	753	71
Richland	10,716	18	3,331	533	7	-	-	-	-	39	400	22
Roosevelt	10,999	17	2,550	472	57	-	-	5	2	14	443	26
Rosebud	10,505	19	2,792	577	-	-	-	-	6	77	542	60
Sanders	8,669	22	1,987	431	2	-	-	-	2	13	303	13
Sheridan	4,732	36	1,189	185	-	-	-	-	-	10	265	18
Silver Bow	33,941	7	10,627	1,638	38	-	-	6	27	37	872	47
Stillwater	6,536	29	1,825	502	9	2	-	-	-	8	297	55
Sweet Grass	3,154	40	749	158	-	-	-	-	-	5	176	22
Teton	6,271	31	1,631	207	3	-	-	-	3	14	282	31
Toole	5,046	35	1,481	147	-	-	-	-	-	3	419	10
Treasure	874	55	236	52	3	-	-	-	7	-	75	-
Valley	8,239	24	2,390	335	35	-	-	-	13	12	435	11
Wheatland	2,246	47	532	75	-	-	-	-	2	10	159	12
Wibaux	1,191	53	272	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	2
Yellowstone	113,419	1	43,330	5,327	460	-	-	98	67	184	2,229	350
TOTAL	799,013	1,596	250,347	41,429	1,783	26	20	204	721	3,209	27,022	2,491

Source: 1990 STF3 Census Files.

Table III-4
Travel Time to Work by County

County	<5 min.	5-14 min.	15-29 min.	30+ min.	Work at Home	Pop.	Rank by Pop.
Beaverhead	730	1,870	457	280	367	8,424	23
Big Horn	466	1,565	519	617	342	11,337	16
Blaine	594	1,166	410	376	128	6,728	27
Broadwater	174	513	312	287	148	3,318	38
Carbon	657	1,019	478	756	478	8,080	25
Carter	110	246	82	83	306	1,503	51
Cascade	2,035	16,749	11,905	3,195	1,179	77,691	3
Chouteau	663	842	240	290	326	5,452	32
Custer	544	3,270	804	382	265	11,697	15
Daniels	238	373	147	95	182	2,266	46
Dawson	320	2,640	762	361	291	9,505	21
Deer Lodge	307	1,390	940	749	70	10,278	20
Fallon	342	489	121	132	310	3,103	41
Fergus	795	2,580	718	506	508	12,083	14
Flathead	1,550	10,169	8,414	3,490	1,343	59,218	4
Gallatin	2,037	11,125	7,518	2,284	1,546	50,463	5
Garfield	241	242	54	60	206	1,589	50
Glacier	649	1,960	674	447	300	12,121	13
Golden Valley	108	134	36	74	79	912	54
Granite	216	337	96	190	141	2,548	42
Hill	840	4,610	1,070	581	423	17,654	10
Jefferson	241	1,007	1,486	771	125	7,939	26
Judith Basin	350	289	149	151	123	2,282	44
Lake	803	3,287	1,982	1,280	800	21,041	9
Lewis and Clark	1,428	10,609	8,068	2,004	873	47,495	6
Liberty	239	290	84	64	166	2,295	43
Lincoln	750	2,976	1,366	935	318	17,481	11
Madison	551	837	342	534	480	5,989	32
McCone	199	306	156	134	229	2,276	45
Meagher	258	232	85	127	134	1,819	49
Mineral	207	518	277	252	94	3,315	39
Missoula	1,960	16,381	12,675	4,007	1,397	78,687	2
Musselshell	380	549	183	337	137	4,106	37
Park	701	2,815	1,322	976	435	14,562	12
Petroleum	77	61	39	20	77	519	56
Phillips	604	919	252	278	219	5,163	34
Pondera	619	934	342	344	449	6,433	30
Powder River	253	252	123	136	285	2,090	48
Powell	383	953	512	389	147	6,620	28
Prairie	104	177	81	83	158	1,383	52
Ravalli	1,088	3,536	2,109	2,270	810	25,010	8
Richland	629	2,426	853	424	170	10,716	18
Roosevelt	655	1,816	634	464	259	10,999	17
Rosebud	804	2,079	565	606	269	10,505	19
Sanders	415	1,093	590	653	252	8,669	22
Sheridan	389	777	274	227	158	4,732	36
Silver Bow	874	7,591	3,476	1,351	440	33,941	7
Stillwater	445	1,081	471	704	226	6,536	29
Sweet Grass	277	523	140	170	228	3,154	40
Teton	514	873	428	356	527	6,271	31
Toole	595	1,012	269	184	323	5,046	35
Treasure	134	143	53	43	42	874	55
Valley	705	1,673	527	326	400	8,239	24
Wheatland	314	322	92	62	194	2,246	47
Wibaux	65	162	66	79	95	1,191	53
Yellowstone	2,218	22,543	21,482	5,808	1,899	113,419	1
TOTAL	33,844	154,331	97,310	41,784	21,876	799,013	1,596
Source: 1990 STF3 Census Files.</							

Figure III-9



The categories of Subway/Streetcar, Railroad, and Taxi resulted in less than one percent of county populations across the State of Montana.

Figure III-10

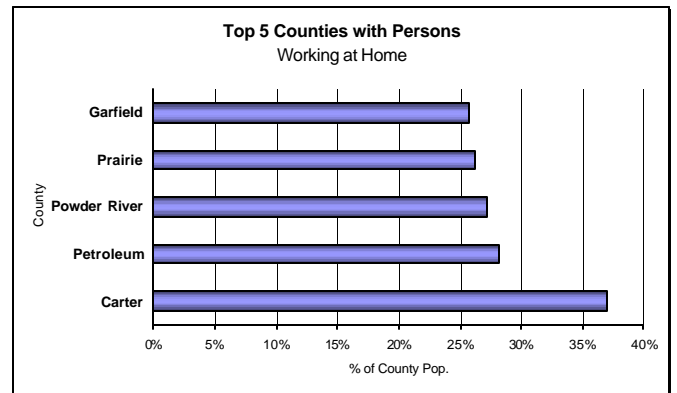
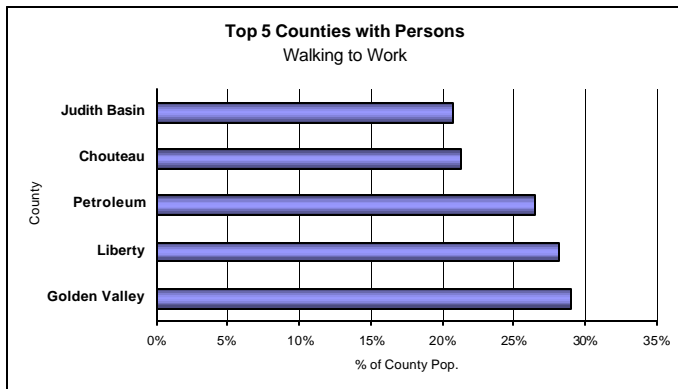
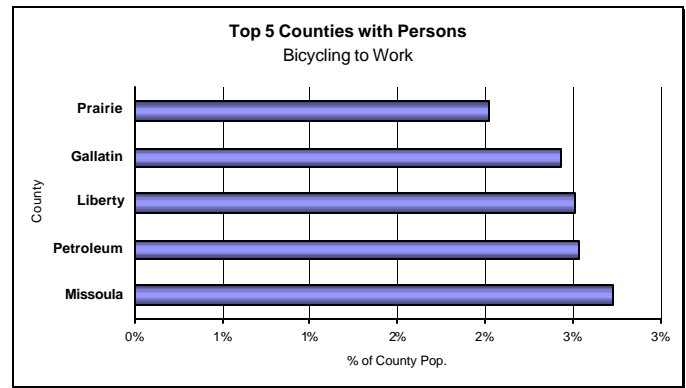
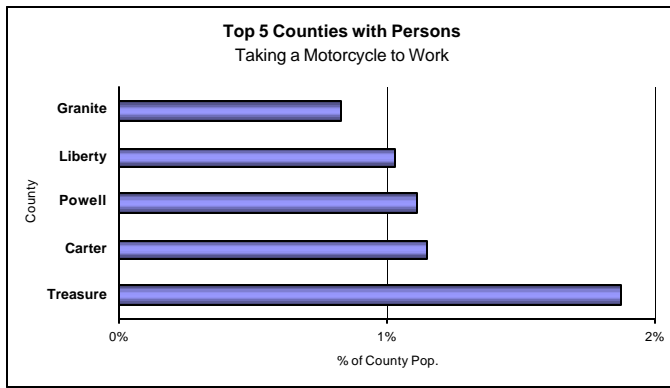
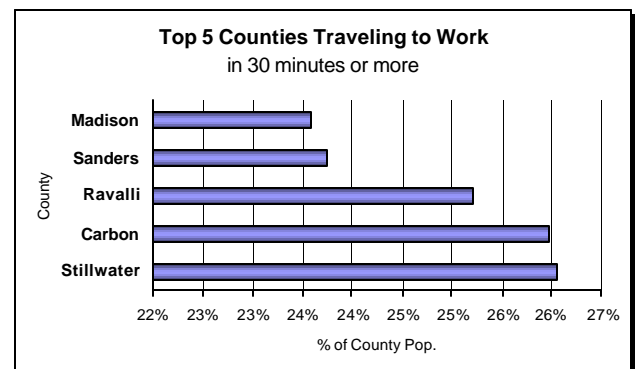
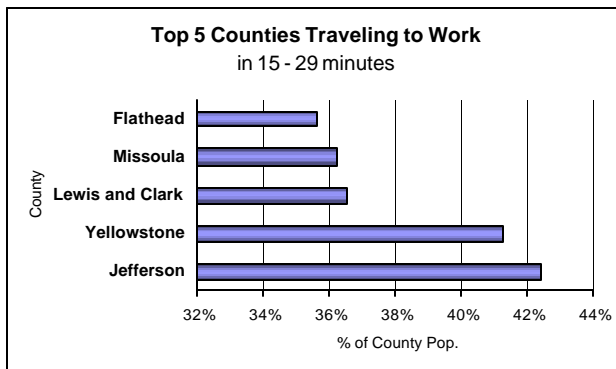
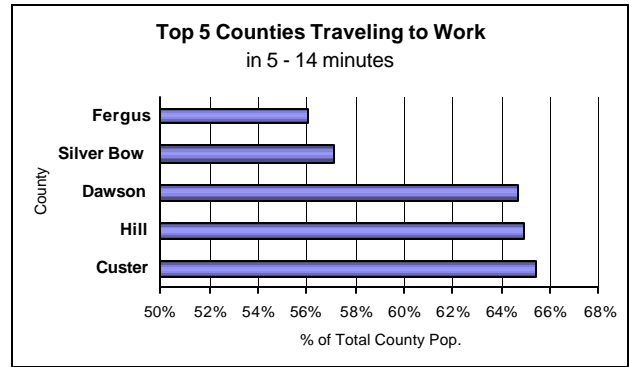
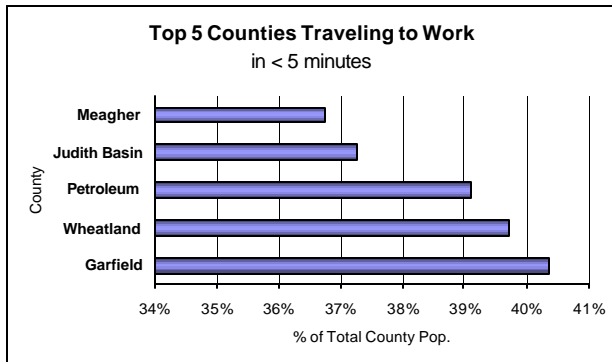


Figure III-11



1998 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The county population estimates through 1998 were obtained from the Montana Department of Commerce. Table III-5 presents the population estimates for each Montana county. Figures III-12 and III-13, on the following pages, provide a graphic illustration for the statewide changes in population from 1990 to 1998. As evident on the map, the western portion of the state has experienced most of the growth in the last 10 years.

FUTURE POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Population projections for counties through 2020 were also obtained from the Department of Commerce. These projections show the areas of the state with the largest anticipated growth. Table III-5 shows the population projections from 1990 to 2020 for each Montana county.

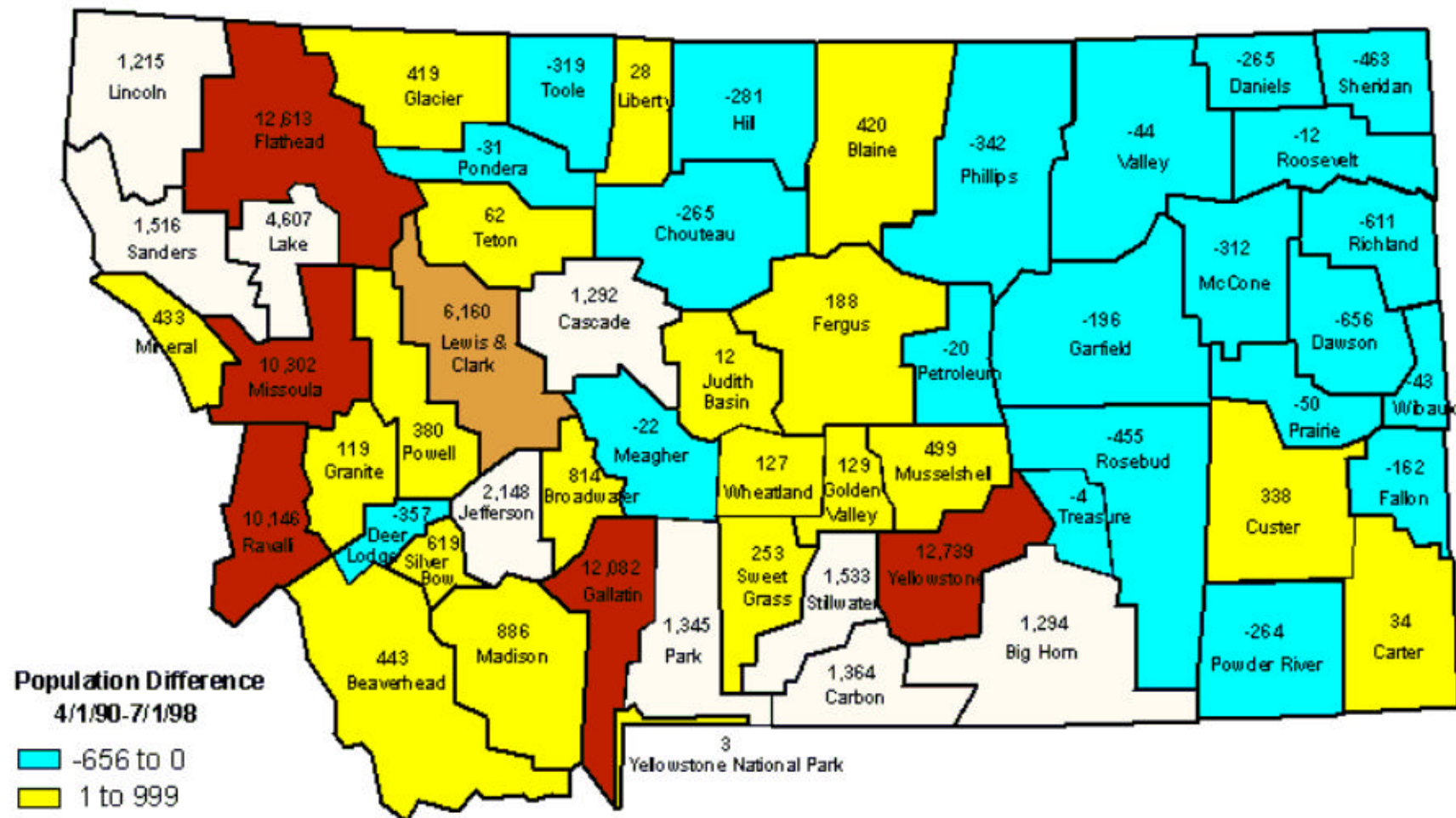
Table III-5
Population Projections for Montana Counties, 1990-2020
Montana Rural Passenger Needs Study

County	1990	1998	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Beaverhead	8,424	8,870	8,890	9,120	9,410	9,790	10,240
Big Horn	11,337	12,630	12,800	13,270	13,770	14,330	14,940
Blaine	6,728	7,150	7,270	7,280	7,330	7,410	7,520
Broadwater	3,318	4,130	4,230	4,560	4,880	5,210	5,550
Carbon	8,080	9,450	9,600	10,020	10,460	10,920	11,410
Carter	1,503	1,540	1,510	1,470	1,450	1,470	1,490
Cascade	77,691	78,990	79,840	78,960	78,800	79,170	79,980
Chouteau	5,452	5,190	5,190	5,030	4,940	4,910	4,920
Custer	11,697	12,030	12,020	12,100	12,300	12,600	12,990
Daniels	2,266	2,000	1,940	1,850	1,800	1,780	1,800
Dawson	9,505	8,850	8,690	8,450	8,370	8,410	8,550
Deer Lodge	10,278	9,990	9,770	9,500	9,430	9,530	9,760
Fallon	3,103	2,940	2,870	2,760	2,710	2,700	2,730
Fergus	12,083	12,270	12,440	12,390	12,420	12,520	12,680
Flathead	59,218	71,830	74,460	81,940	89,080	96,210	103,390
Gallatin	50,463	62,540	64,660	70,050	75,080	80,000	84,870
Garfield	1,589	1,400	1,370	1,320	1,310	1,310	1,330
Glacier	12,121	12,540	12,800	12,900	13,060	13,260	13,500
Golden Valley	912	1,050	1,050	1,070	1,100	1,140	1,180
Granite	2,548	2,670	2,650	2,650	2,690	2,760	2,860
Hill	17,654	17,370	17,610	17,520	17,560	17,700	17,910
Jefferson	7,939	10,090	10,450	11,460	12,430	13,400	14,390
Judith Basin	2,282	2,300	2,300	2,230	2,200	2,190	2,200
Lake	21,041	25,650	26,480	28,880	31,190	33,520	35,890
Lewis and Clark	47,495	53,650	55,110	59,480	63,750	68,130	72,660
Liberty	2,295	2,320	2,360	2,340	2,340	2,350	2,380
Lincoln	17,481	18,700	18,660	18,970	19,470	20,140	20,980
Madison	5,989	6,880	7,000	7,350	7,700	8,060	8,450
McCone	2,276	1,960	1,910	1,830	1,800	1,790	1,810
Meagher	1,819	1,800	1,800	1,740	1,710	1,710	1,710
Mineral	3,315	3,750	3,770	3,910	4,060	4,240	4,440
Missoula	78,687	88,990	91,010	97,380	103,710	110,310	117,220
Musselshell	4,106	4,600	4,660	4,820	4,990	5,190	5,410
Park	14,562	15,890	16,230	17,160	18,070	19,010	19,980
Petroleum	519	500	490	470	460	460	470
Phillips	5,163	4,830	4,860	4,790	4,770	4,780	4,820
Pondera	6,433	6,400	6,450	6,340	6,290	6,300	6,350
Powder River	2,090	1,830	1,780	1,710	1,670	1,680	1,690
Powell	6,620	7,000	6,990	7,090	7,280	7,520	7,830
Prairie	1,383	1,330	1,310	1,260	1,230	1,230	1,250
Ravalli	25,010	35,160	36,870	41,550	45,980	50,290	54,560
Richland	10,716	10,110	10,110	10,230	10,420	10,690	11,040
Roosevelt	10,999	10,990	11,020	11,220	11,490	11,830	12,250
Rosebud	10,505	10,050	10,390	11,250	12,060	12,850	13,640
Sanders	8,669	10,190	10,380	11,030	11,690	12,400	13,140
Sheridan	4,732	4,260	4,170	4,010	3,940	3,940	3,990
Silver Bow	33,941	34,560	33,820	32,950	32,780	33,150	33,960
Stillwater	6,536	8,070	8,340	9,040	9,680	10,320	10,940
Sweet Grass	3,154	3,410	3,430	3,510	3,620	3,750	3,890
Teton	6,271	6,330	6,440	6,430	6,450	6,520	6,610
Toole	5,046	4,730	4,730	4,570	4,490	4,460	4,460
Treasure	874	870	850	830	810	810	830
Valley	8,239	8,190	7,940	7,520	7,300	7,240	7,280
Wheatland	2,246	2,380	2,400	2,380	2,380	2,390	2,420
Wibaux	1,191	1,140	1,140	1,120	1,130	1,150	1,170
Yellowstone	113,419	126,160	129,010	136,640	144,010	151,590	159,370
Totals	799,013	880,500	896,320	937,700	981,300	1,028,520	1,079,080
Montana Department of Commerce, August 1999.							

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